

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please correct the typographical errors on p. 16, line 29 ("4e" to "4d") and line 31 ("then" to "than") of the Application by replacing the paragraph that starts on p. 16, line 29 and continues through p. 17, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

The butyl ~~[4e]~~ (4d) and octyl ether (4f) were neuroprotective to a similar extent at a concentration of 10 μ M and 1 μ M. In contrast, the parent compound (1) and 17 β -methylestradiol were effective only at 10 μ M, and were less active ~~[then]~~ than 4c and 4e at this concentration. 17 β -sthylestradiol (4a) was ineffective even at 10 μ M. The 5(b) and 5c ethers in which the phenolic hydroxyl in the A ring were blocked were ineffective with respect to cytoprotection.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add new matter. The change from "then" to "than" in line 31 of p. 16 is merely obvious error and correction of a grammatical error. The change from "4e" to "4d" in line 29 of p. 16 is merely corrects a typographical error, thereby making the text describing Figure 4 on pp. 16-17 consistent with the data shown in Figure 4 and with the description of these compounds on pp. 13-14 (particularly p. 14, which describes both compounds 4d and 4e) and is thus also not new matter.